

**PATENT APPLICATION**  
**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of

Docket No: Q77369

USUI, Minoru, et al.

Divisional of  
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For: LIQUID CONSUMPTION STATUS DETECTING METHOD, LIQUID CONTAINER,  
AND INK CARTRIDGE

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

**MAIL STOP NON-FEE AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows on the  
accompanying pages.